

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph under the heading "**CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATION**" with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/295,137, filed November 15, 2002, entitled "Semiconductor Memory Device," now U.S. Patent No. [[_____]] 6,717,875, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes.